

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

Applicant

Washington Department of Transportation
Olympic Region
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Location

The project site is located at 2711 31st Avenue Court East in Pierce County.

Water body: Clear Creek
WRIA: 10, Puyallup-White
Section 11, Township 20N, Range 3E

Work

The Department of Transportation is proposing to excavate approximately 74,000 cubic yards of fill material from this parcel in order to re-establish wetlands on this parcel. In addition to excavating fill material, a backwater channel will be created reconnecting Clear Creek with the floodplain.

Project Name: Clear Creek
Riverside Mitigation –
Tacoma/Pierce Co. HOV
Program

Public Notice Date:

December 15, 2009

Comment Period Ends:

January 4, 2009

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Federal Project Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504

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Purpose

This mitigation site will provide compensatory mitigation for unavoidable wetland impacts from the I-5 M Street to Port of Tacoma Road HOV projects. The site is being constructed in advance of the transportation projects.

Additional Information

As part of the wetland design, this site will be planted with a mix of native shrubs and trees and habitat features will be installed. The site will be monitored to ensure it is successful in re-establishing wetlands.

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within 21 days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.